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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION - JOINT**

As the below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

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citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first, and joint  
inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which  
a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Biodegradable polymeric compositions  
comprising starch and a thermoplastic polymer"....., the specification of  
which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we reviewed and understand the  
contents of the above-identified specification, including the  
claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that  
is material to the examination of this application in  
accordance with 37 Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35  
United States Code §§ 119 and 365 of any foreign  
application(s) for the patent or inventor's certificate listed  
below and have also identified below any foreign application  
for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date  
before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications: Italy - No. T096A000890 of  
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